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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated below.

A complete recitation of the amended paragraph is presented below with insertions underlined (e.g., <u>insertion</u>), and deletions struckthrough or in double brackets (e.g., <u>deletion</u> or [[deletion]]).

[0011] During irrigation procedures performed for orthopedic surgery or other major medical procedures, a large amount of irrigation fluid is often used, e.g. one to ten liters. Thus, the basin used for collecting the irrigation fluid must be emptied repeatedly, requiring the irrigation procedure to stop, unless additional personnel and/or basins are used. As a full basin is removed, and an empty basin is re-positioned, some irrigation fluid inevitably is spilled on the floor, thus requiring additional towels and cleaning equipment to be used to keep the floor clean. If the towels or equipment [[is]] <u>are</u> to be re-used, they must be sterilized.